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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: SEATO, PORG, PFOR, AS, RP, TH

SUBJECT: SEATO

1. ON JULY 22 AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR SHAW ASKED ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FOR A US ASSESSMENT OF THE VALUE TO IT OF CONTINUING FULL USE OF ITS BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES, NOTABLY SUBIC BAY AND CLARK FIELD.

2. HABIB ANSWERED THAT THE US CONSIDERED THE SUBIC BAY COMPLEX AND CLARK FIELD TO BE ESSENTIAL TO OUR FORWARD DEPLOYMENT IN THE PACIFIC AND TO THE DEFENSE OF THE PHILIPPINES. WE HAD NO INTENTION TO LOSE CONTROL OVER OUR ABILITY TO OPERATE OUT OF EITHER MAJOR PHILIPPINE COMPLEX. THE FILIPINOS UNDERSTOOD AND WERE NOT PRESSING US ON THIS POINT. IN HIS PUBLIC DEMANDS MARCOS HAS SPOKEN OF CHANGES IN THE MANNER IN WHICH BASES MANAGED,
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BUT HAD NOT INDICATED A DESIRE TO LIMIT US EMPLOYMENT OF THESE BASES IN THEIR FORWARD STRATEGIC ROLE.

3. WE HAD NOT YET STARTED FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE

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PHILIPPINES ON CLARK AND SUBIC BAY, AND THESE WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN IN OCTOBER. BUT WE ANTICIPATED NO REAL DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING OUR FULL USE OF THE VITAL INSTALLATIONS.

4. HABIB REEMPHASIZED THAT UNLIKE THAI BASES WHICH WERE OF SUBSIDIARY IMPORTANCE, US BASES IN THE PHILIPPINES WERE CONSIDERED TO BE ESSENTIAL. THE US WOULD NOT TAKE KINDLY TO ANY ATTEMPTS BY OTHER COUNTRIES TO HAMPER OUR NEGOTIATIONS OR TO MUDDY THE WATERS IN WHAT WE PERCEIVED TO BE OUR VITAL STRATEGIC INTERESTS. KISSINGER

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